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NATURAL GAS GRIDS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is proposing to set up some exclusive Natural Gas Grids in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of benefits and objectives to be achieved from such Grids?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (c): Gas pipelines are laid according to gas availability, and location of production centres and customers. A network of trunk gas pipelines is being laid in the country by various entities connecting customers to various sources of natural gas.
Dahej-Uran Pipeline (DUPL) and Dabhol-Panvel pipeline (DPPL) have been commissioned by GAIL on July 11, 2007. Kelaras-Malanpur, Vijaipur-Kota and Jagoti-Pitampur pipelines have been commissioned by GAIL in July 2006, January 2007 and March 2007 respectively. Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) is constructing Kakinada- Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad pipeline (1385 km) for transporting gas from KG basin to consumers in Maharashtra and Gujarat. Dadri-Panipat pipeline (133 km) is under implementation by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).GAIL has recently been issued authorizations for Dadri-Bawana-Nangal Pipeline, Chainsa-Gurgaon-Jhajjar-Hissar Pipeline, Jagdishpur-Haldia Pipeline, Dabhol-Bangalore Pipeline and Kochi-Kanjirkkod-Bangalore/Mangalore Pipeline. Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has recently been granted authorizations for Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah Pipeline, Vijaywada-Nellore-Chennai Pipeline, Chennai-Tuticorin Pipeline and Chennai-Bangalore-Mangalore Pipeline.
To encourage investment in the sector and to regulate the same in a non-discriminatory manner, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006' and notified the 'Policy for Development of Natural Gas Pipelines and City or Local Natural Gas Distribution Networks'.